

SENATE BILL 1896

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47,  
Chapter 18, Part 1 and Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1,  
relative to food labeling requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designed section:

Section 53-1-1\_\_.

(a) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Bottled water" means water that is placed in a sealed  
container or package and is offered for sale for human consumption or  
other consumer uses; and

(2) "Bottled water plant" means any place or establishment located  
in this state in which bottled water is prepared for sale.

(b) All bottled water from a bottled water plant sold in this state that  
contains added fluoride shall conform to the following standards: containers or  
packages of bottled water printed after July 1, 2009, shall contain language  
substantially similar to the following:

NOT SUITABLE FOR BABY FORMULA. CONTAINS ADDED  
FLUORIDE.

(c) All bottled water from a bottled water plant sold in this state  
that does not contain added fluoride shall conform to the following  
standards: containers or packages of bottled water printed after July 1,  
2009, shall contain language substantially similar to the following:

SUITABLE FOR BABY FORMULA. CONTAINS NO ADDED FLUORIDE.

(d) Bottled water from a bottled water plant that is not sold for human consumption and that contains added fluoride shall be exempt from the requirements of this section, provided that the product shall contain language substantially similar to the following:

NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-1-103(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Bottled water from a bottled water plant sold in this state that fails to meet the labeling requirements provided for in Section 1 of this act, or any rule or regulation promulgated under this act;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-104(b), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Failing to meet the labeling requirements for bottled water from a bottled water plant located in this state as required in Section 1 of this act;

SECTION 4. The department of agriculture is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 5. For purposes of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes this act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.